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WHEREAS; the manufacturing industry employs more than 466,000 Wisconsinites, accounts for 18 percent of gross domestic product, and contributes over \$59 billion to Wisconsin's economic growth; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has invested heavily in programs that connect job seekers to employment in the Wisconsin manufacturing sector, or training programs that lead to good-paying jobs in manufacturing, such as Youth and Registered Apprenticeship, Wisconsin Fast Forward, Fab Labs, and more; and

WHEREAS; the manufacturing industry in Wisconsin continues to grow at a high rate, with Wisconsin consistently ranking in the top 10 among states in manufacturing jobs added, which pay an average annual wage of over \$57,000, and nearly \$10,000 more than the average wage for all private sector workers; and

WHEREAS; throughout 2017, manufacturing workers in Wisconsin earned a total of \$26.5 billion in wages, the state's manufacturing job concentration was 89 percent above the national average, and the state's manufacturing industry represented 93 percent of the state's exports, generating almost \$21 billion in revenue from outside the state; and

WHEREAS; state cabinet agencies, as well as the Wisconsin Technical College System, Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, and other stakeholders, come together to plan and promote the month's events;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

## **MANUFACTURING MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have

SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State